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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 143349 (NOTAL) AND STATE 146237 (NOTAL)

1. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA HAS SENT AN ANSWER TO YOUR MESSAGES TO HIM OF JUNE 18 (ERRONEOUSLY CITED BY SILVEIRA AS JUNE 10) AND JUNE 20. HIS COMMENTS ON THE SAN JOSE MEETING AND THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT ARE ESSENTIALLY REPLIES TO ISSUES RAISED IN YOUR MESSAGES TO HIM, AND WE BELIEVE THAT NEITHER THEY NOR THE FINAL BRIEF REFERENCE HE MAKES TO BRAZIL'S RELATIONS WITH AFRICA REQUIRE A CONFIDENTIAL

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FURTHER RESPONSE FROM YOU AT THIS TIME. AS PREPARATIONS FOR SAN JOSE MEETING MOVE FORWARD, WE MAY WISH TO REFER TO SILVEIRA'S COMMENTS ON THAT SUBJECT IN A LATER COMMUNICATION, KEEPING HIM ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND THE RESULTS

OF OUR OTHER CONSULTATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF SILVEIRA MESSAGE:
BEGIN QUOTE:

MY DEAR HENRY,

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTERS, DATED JUNE 10 AND 20, WHILE FLY-
ING FROM ABIDJAN TO YAMOOUSSOUKRO, FOR MY MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT FELIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. I HASTEN TO RESPOND
TO THOSE LETTERS, WHICH HAVE GRATIFIED ME, AS THEY REVEAL,
ONCE AGAIN, YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY AS WELL AS OF THE INTENTIONS OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT GEISEL.

I SHARE YOUR FEELING THAT THERE HAS DEVELOPED, CONCERNING
THE AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN BRAZIL AND
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN
THE AMERICAN PRESS AND THE CONTROVERSY IN THE U.S. CON-
GRESS; I BELIEVE THAT, IN ALL THAT, THERE HAVE BEEN A
FAIR AMOUNT OF MISINFORMATION AS TO THE NATURE OF THE
AGREEMENT AND UNDUE HASTE IN THE EVALUATION OF THE BRAZ-
ILIAN PURPOSES.

IN BRAZIL, WE TRIED TO AVOID AGGRAVATING THE ARGUMENT,
CONFIDENT THAT THE FACTS WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
BRAZIL IS AN EMINENTLY PEACEFUL NATION AND INTRINSICALLY
ADVERSE TO ADVENTURES IN HEGEMONY; WE ARE, ON THE OTHER
HAND, AN AMBITIOUS PEOPLE AS REGARDS THE PURSUIT OF OB-
TAINING, IF POSSIBLE STILL FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION, A
HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING AND SECURING A GROWING PARTICIPA-
TION IN THE MOST ADVANCED ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECH-
NOLOGICAL PROGRESS OF MANKIND.

BRAZIL ENTERS THE NUCLEAR AGE WITH AN ABSOLUTE SENSE OF
RESPONSIBILITY. OUR AGREEMENT IS UPHELD BY ADEQUATE SAFE-
GUARDS. FURTHERMORE, WE REMAIN WILLING TO INTENSIFY OUR
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COOPERATION WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, AND WE HOPE TO
BE ABLE TO DO IT, ALSO, WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AS REGARDS THE MEETING IN COSTA RICA, I THANK YOU FOR THE
INFORMATION YOU CONVEYED ON THE UNITED STATES POSITION.
AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE CONTINUE TO SEPARATE THE
PROCESS AND THE PROBLEM OF THE REVISION OF THE RIO
TREATY FROM THE PROBLEM OF THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA. FOR BRAZIL, THE CHANGE FROM THE RULE OF
TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTES TO AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY RULE IS A
STEP CONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION ON THE MATTER, REGARD-
LESS OF ITS IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCES; AT ANY RATE IT IS NOT
OUR INTENTION TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH CUBA, EVEN IF THE

REVISION OF THE RIO TREATY IS APPROVED, UNTIL SUCH AN ACT WILL CORRESPOND TO BRAZILIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS AND UNTIL THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WILL DEMONSTRATE IN AN INEQUIVOCAL AND POSITIVE MANNER ITS DISPOSITION OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BRAZIL AND OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND WILL SHOW WILLINGNESS TOWARDS A CORRECT COOPERATION IN THE HEMISPHERE'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT IS NOT, HOWEVER, UP TO US TO RAISE OBJECTIONS TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THOSE COUNTRIES SO WILLING SHOULD PUT IMMEDIATELY INTO FORCE POLICIES ARISING FROM THE REVISION OF THE TREATY, EVEN BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE RATIFICATION PROCESS, AS SUCH WAS THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WHEN THE TREATY ITSELF WAS APPROVED. THIS OTHER ASPECT OF THE MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH, IN A HASTY MANNER, DURING THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS, AND IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE BROUGHT UP ONCE MORE, WE SHALL AGAIN ABSTAIN.

IT IS LIKEWISE TIMELY TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE PROGRESS OF OUR AFRICAN POLICY. WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING IT MORE DYNAMIC AND I BELIEVE THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS WILL TURN OUT TO BE BENEFICIAL TO THE PROCESS OF DIALOGUE IN THE MULTILATERAL FORA, INCLUDING THE HANDLING OF ISSUES SUCH AS ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS.

I SHALL BE WRITING TO YOU SOON AGAIN.

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AFFECTIONATELY YOURS,

ANTONIO
(ANTONIO F. AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA) END QUOTE.
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